

of this important milestone will feature a variety of distinguished supporters, ministers and friends. The theme of the centennial, "100 Years Working for the Lord" celebrates the story of a church deeply rooted in faith and Christian values. Those values include integrity, caring and preaching the word of God. St. John's is blessed to have a membership that is proud of its roots, passionate about its present and hopeful for its future.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that St. John's Baptist Church and the surrounding community have every right to be pleased with the lasting contributions the church has made to the residents of Scotch Plains. I am pleased to congratulate St. John's on its first 100 years.

HONORING TRUSTEE JOSEPH
DEVLIN

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Devlin for his forty years of devoted service to the Village of Roselle. After his long service to the Village, he has announced that he plans to retire.

Joe's first experience in elected office was in 1969, when he was elected Village Trustee. He served as Mayor from 1973–1981, and then returned to his post as Trustee from 1981 to 2009.

Through the years, Joe has been an insightful observer, keen in his understanding of the long-term challenges facing the Village. Throughout his career, he has tackled challenges with deft skill, deep understanding, and strong personal integrity.

While Roselle has gone through many changes over the years, one thing has remained the same. Trustee Devlin has kept a steady hand to the wheel, working tirelessly for the benefit of his community.

Joseph Devlin has been an advocate for the people of Roselle since his very first days in office. He has affected countless lives, and left an indelible impression on Roselle and its residents.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Joseph Devlin is a remarkable man who has dedicated his life to serving the people of Roselle. Please join me in honoring him for his extraordinary career.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HON-
OREES OF THE LEXINGTON
DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the honorees of the Lexington Democratic Club's Annual Dinner and its 60th Anniversary celebration. At its 60th Anniversary celebration at the Yale Club in Manhattan, the Lexington Democratic Club is honoring its living former Presidents, State Committee Members, and District Leaders.

As the first political club dedicated to reform in New York City, the Lexington Democratic

Club has sought to increase inclusive civic participation, promote transparent, open government, and support the merit-based selection of judges. Its leaders reflect the best ideals of the Club and have devoted their volunteer efforts to supporting the Club's proud mantle of reform.

Among those being honored are Ann Pinciss Berman, Joanne Bing, Jonathan L. Bing, John Bradley, William Bryk, Reita Cash, David L. Cohen, Pat Falk, Conrad Foa, Neil V. Getnick, Brenda Goodman, Zachary R. Greenhill, Roger Grimble, Paul Hellegers, Russell Hemenway, Nikki Henkin, Bernard E. Jacob, Barbara Kloberdanz, Richard Lane, Heather K. Leifer, Robert J. Levinsohn, Andrew Lowenthal, Robin Marsico, Trudy L. Mason, Gail Melhado, John K. Mills, Jane Lowe Parshall, Peter Philip, Robert Plautz, Warrie Price, Joanne Pugh, Lawrence M. Rosenstock, Marjorie Sachs, H. Richard Schumacher, Felice Shea, Diane Staab, Michael Stolz, Alexander M. Tisch, David Tyson and Roger Waldman. Many of these individuals went on to win political office, to be elected as judges or to take on other roles in public service. All of them care deeply about the community and have worked to make New York City a better place to live.

Throughout its storied, sixty-year existence, the Lexington Democratic Club of New York City has proudly carried the banner of reform and good government. It is fitting that, as the Club celebrates the conclusion of its sixth decade, its members honor those civic and political leaders who were inspired by its noble ideals and who worked with such dedication and energy to effect them.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the significant contributions to our civic and political life made by the 2009 honorees of the Lexington Democratic Club of New York City.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed roll-call vote 279. If present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF STUDENTS OF HAR-
VARD ELLIS TECHNICAL HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the gifted students of my district from the Harvard Ellis Technical High School of Danielson, Connecticut. On May 15, 2009, the students won awards at the 6th Annual Plastics Expo held at Quinebaug Valley Community College, QVCC, in Danielson, Connecticut. The expo paired teams of students from six area high schools with representatives from local plastics companies. This is the second time that Ellis THS has en-

tered the competition. Over six months, they worked with their company team of WEB Industries Hartford, Inc., manufacturer of film products, to design, create, test, and market a product using the company's technology.

They won for their product, the "Eagle Air," a filter screen that uses three layers of plastic screening to filter out the smallest particles of pollen in the air. The device is translucent and can be adjusted to fit any window. Their presentation included a PowerPoint, prototype models, a video commercial, and a detailed book describing their process.

The students won both the "People's Choice Award" and the "Judges' Award." The People's Choice Award was determined by the vote of the audience and the Judges' Award was determined by a team of three judges chosen for their expertise in engineering, design, and marketing. Team members included Andrew Conkey, Abigail Corcoran, Victoria LaMonda, Sara Rondeau, Cameron Fisher, Elana Shong, Holley DeParasis, Nicole Carlson, and Justin Fortier. The group leaders were Kathy Burr and Laura Burke. The team MVP was Nicole Carlson. The Department of Commerce, Quinebaug Valley Plastics Institute, and the QVCC College Career Pathways Program supported the event to promote workforce development.

Madam Speaker, I am proud and pleased to honor these nine students and their team leaders for their innovative creation, sound business practices, and teamwork. These students have a bright future and signal that eastern Connecticut is a place for research, technology, and product development. I also commend the efforts of the sponsors of the Annual Plastics Expo in building partnerships between students and local businesses, and in promoting excellence in trade and technology. I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing these contributions.

HONORING COACH EDWARD
STANLEY TEMPLE

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Edward Stanley Temple, a man whose dedication to coaching track and field has earned him recognition as Tennessee's most honored and accomplished track and field coach.

Born September 20, 1927 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Coach Temple was himself an all-state athlete in track, football and basketball. Temple graduated from Tennessee State University (TSU) in Nashville, Tennessee, earning both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. For forty-four years, he served as the head women's track coach at TSU and taught sociology.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Coach Temple's "Tigerbelles" dominated the sport of track and field, earning a total of 23 Olympic medals, 13 of them gold. Coach Temple's Tigerbelles won their first medal in the 1952 Olympic Games when fifteen-year-old Barbara Jones Slater became the youngest woman to win an Olympic gold medal in track and field. One of the most notable Tigerbelles, Wilma Rudolph, became the first female athlete to